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Iowa Department on Aging and the Association of Area Agencies on Aging Invites Iowans to Attend the State Fair Older Iowans Day August 17th To Share in the Fun Activities Being Held

Older Iowans Day will be Packed with Information and Festivities for All Iowans to Enjoy

Des Moines, IA. – Today, Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Donna Harvey announced that the Iowa Family Caregiver Program (through the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging) is sponsoring “**Older Iowans Day**” at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on Wednesday, August 17.

One of the highlights of the day will be the **Older Iowan Idol Contest**. Try-outs for the contest will be held from 10:00AM to Noon and the finals will be held from Noon to 1:00PM. The finals will feature guest judges Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds.

Activities will be held from 8:30AM – 4:30PM in the Budweiser Stage tent, which is south of the main gate on the state fairgrounds. Other activities at the tent will range from the Marvelous Red Hat Contest, Older Iowans Spelling Bee, The Dancin’ Grannies and the Iowa Energy Spark Plugs Senior Women’s Dance Team.

“Older Iowans Day at the fair will be entertaining and informative. Along with our fun activities at the Budweiser Tent on August 17, The Iowa Family Caregiver Program will have a booth located [between the Fair Administration Building and the Des Moines Register Service Center Building](#). The booth will have Area Agencies on Aging staff on-site from 9:00AM – 9:00PM to help older Iowans, their families and their caregivers get a better understanding of what support services are available to them,” stated Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Donna Harvey. The Iowa Family Caregiver booth will also feature the ‘***Vote For Your Favorite Celebrity Older Iowan, Past or Present***’ contest where fair goers can drop a soybean in a jar and vote for their favorite (each jar will have a picture of a celebrity originally from Iowa.)

“We hope all Iowans will join us on Wednesday, August 17 as we honor our older Iowans with a special day at the state fair,” Director Harvey concluded.

To locate information on the Iowa Family Caregiver Program and the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging (i4a), go to: www.iowafamilycaregiver.org.

For more information on the Iowa Department on Aging (IDA), visit <http://www.aging.iowa.gov/>. To find local resources for older adults and people with disabilities, visit <http://www.lifelonglinks.org/>.